GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5816
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SMALL POX
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India was declared small pox free by the International Commission for Assessment of Small Pox eradication in April, 1977;

(b) if so, the number of cases of small pox reported since then;

(c) whether some cases of small pox were reported from some States recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken or being taken so far by Government to control the small pox;

(f) whether any fresh certificate from the International Agency in this regard is required again; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g) India`s last case of Small Pox occurred on 24th May, 1975.As, no case of Small Pox has been reported since then, fresh certificate from the International Agency in this regard is not required.